



Jo Sermon Agility Seminars & Workshops

Oct 6-10, 2008

Touch & Go Agility Center
7335 34th Street, North Highlands, CA 95660

Jo Sermon is one of England's top trainers and handlers. She has been named the top ABC (Anything But (Border) Collie handler. Jo has raised and trained bearded collies for over 20 years. Jo works with all breeds, but her first love are her beardies. She has taught at Clean Run, Power Paws, and Say Yes agility camps to rave reviews. She brings a wealth of experience and an unparalleled perspective to her seminars. Learn more about Jo at <http://www.agility-training.co.uk/>

REGISTRATION LIMITS:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: Limited to 12 working teams

Tuesday: Limited to 14 working teams

All Days: auditors are unlimited.

COST: \$145.00 PER DAY FOR WORKING SPOTS; \$75.00 PER DAY FOR AUDITORS

Includes continental breakfast items, afternoon snacks, and water throughout the day.

Monday Oct 6, 2008, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm – Developing Focus& Attention; Record Keeping

- **Focus:** It is the most basic step in our agility dogs' training. In fact, it's the foundation of all dog sports. If your dog is not focused on you, you cannot teach it much! Lack of focus manifests in many ways: less motivated or worried dogs will sniff or avoid working; highly motivated dogs may race around the ring or training yard doing everything they see, but not what you want!
- In this session, Jo will address these problems and more. She will cover ways to help you improve your dogs focus and attention.
- **Record Keeping:** When's the best time to start good record keeping?? Anytime! Throughout the day, as we give the dogs a break from working, Jo will show you how to develop and use a good record keeping system that will enable you to get the most out of you available training time!

Tuesday, Oct 7, 2008, 8:00 am – 4:00: What's YOUR (Dog's) Problem?

- **Open to dogs competing at any level IN AKC or USDAA; Level 3 or higher in CPE**
- Focus/attention/motivation problems not permitted unless associated with a specific obstacle – Focus on Focus was Monday!
- One of the comments frequently heard after a seminar is over is that your exact problem didn't get addressed! Well, this session takes care of that! About two weeks before the seminar, you will declare just what problem you want to work on.
- Handlers with the same problem will be grouped together
- Everyone is guaranteed the same amount of personalized attention (we're putting a clock on the sessions to be sure!) and you will also hear detailed instruction on a wide array of problems. The session enables everyone to listen into what is going on with the other handlers as well as having their own dedicated time with Jo.
- Who knows? One day, the problem someone else is working on may just crop up in your dog!

Wednesday, Oct 8, 2008, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm – Its All About the Handler!

- **Open to dogs and handlers working at the AKC Excellent/USDAA Masters and similar levels; others with TAG permission.**
- **No Second Chances** – AKA: Get It Right the FIRST Time! The morning will challenge you to do it right the first time – just like in a trial. Often, in training situations, you know there is no consequence for making an error, so you don't put your full mental game on the line. Here, you are put under pressure because there IS a consequence for mistakes: you make an error, you're done. The goal for this session is to help you work on your mental game and have fun at the same time!
- **Which is Quicker?** – The afternoon will focus on decision making. Do you know how to choose the right path for YOUR dog when faced with an option? Not always the same for every dog! Video analysis may be used during these exercises.

Thursday Oct 9, 2008, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm: Masters Handling

- **Open to dogs competing at the Masters/Excellent B level with no equipment or focus/motivation problems (others with TAG approval.) This is NOT a problem solving session!**
- These two days will focus on helping you to achieve the best possible course times. Exercises will focus on extending and refining your existing skills. Exercises may include, but are not limited to: tightening turns, speed into turns, discriminations and other challenges that high drive teams encounter on course. Video analysis of some exercises may be used during these sessions.

Friday Oct 10, 2008, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm: Intermediate Handling

- **Open to dogs competing at the AKC Open/Excellent A and USDAA Advanced level.** Dog should be confident on all equipment and not have any significant motivation, focus, or attention problems (you should sign up for the Monday session if you do!).
- This day will focus on helping you to achieve the best possible course times and to identify areas you may need to do some focused training on to improve your performance.
- Exercises will focus on extending and refining your existing skills. Exercises may include, but are not limited to: proofing equipment skills; tightening turns; speed into turns; discriminations; and other challenges that you encounter on course. Video analysis of some exercises may be used during these sessions.

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To register, fill out and return with at least a 50% down payment to Touch & Go Agility, 7335 34th Street, North Highlands, CA 95660. Balance is due no later than Sep 15, 2008.

Handler Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Work Phone:** _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

E-mail (list only if you check it regularly): _____

Dog Name: _____ **Breed:** _____

Instructor Name (if other than Touch & Go): _____

Working Teams: \$145.00 per day; Auditing: \$75.00 per day

Monday, Oct 6, 2008: Focus/Attention; Record Keeping Work: _____ Audit: _____

Tuesday, Oct 7, 2008: What's YOUR (Dog's) Problem? Work: _____ Audit: _____

Wednesday, Oct 8, 2008: Its All About the Handler Work: _____ Audit: _____

Thursday, Oct 9, 2008: Masters Handling Work: _____ Audit: _____

Friday, Oct 10, 2008: Intermediate Handling Work: _____ Audit: _____

I (we) agree that Touch & Go Agility and Jo Sermon have the right to refuse this enrollment or to expel a student for any cause which the aforementioned shall deem to be sufficient.

In consideration of the acceptance of this enrollment and the opportunity to participate in this seminar, I (we) agree to hold Touch & Go Agility and Jo Sermon harmless for any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of my (our) dog(s) while in, upon or near the premises, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim.

I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss of my (our) dog(s) by disappearance, theft, death or otherwise, and from any claim for damage or injury to the dog, whether such loss, disappearance, appearance, theft, damage or injury, be caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the parties aforementioned, or by the negligence of any other person, or any other cause or causes. I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expenses (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting there from, sustained by any person or person, including myself (ourselves) or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequences of my (our) participation in these classes, howsoever such injuries, death or damage may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may have alleged to have caused by negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees, agents, or any other person.

I (we) certify that the dog to be entered in this seminar is not a hazard to persons or other dogs.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY, AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS THEREOF. I/WE ARE AWARE THAT THIS IS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT BETWEEN MYSELF AND TOUCH & GO AGILITY, AND SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL FOR MYSELF OR MY CHILD, OR ANY INDIVIDUAL TO WHOM I AM THE GUARDIAN.

Signature (if under age 18 parent/guardian must sign)

Date